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We delight not in a needlesse & superfluous expence of words, and

and therfore we shall in short tell you, what wee or rather God expects this day at all your hands, viz. That you (and that with instance) petition his most Excellent Majesty, to vouchsafe the influence of his Royal favour and gracious presence to his Great Councell, the High Court of Parliament, the only way, (in humane apprehension) to stanch the bleeding wounds of *Ireland*, and distracted *England*.

That you now help the Lord against the mighty.

That with as humble boldnesse you manifest your extreame unwillingnesse to come in an hostile way against us, least you bring guiltles blood upon your own heads, and kindle such a fire in *England*, as wil never be quenched. Assure your selves, that without much caution and greatest circumspection, you may raise up such a spirit as will not be conjured down again in haste.

Worthies, Ponder we beseech you our present but sad condition, set your selves before Gods awfull bar, make our case your owne.

Let your consciences speake, would you betray so great a trust committed to you by so great a Councell? would you that we should wound through your sides heaven and Earth? what you shall attempt against us, wil in the reflection redound upon God, the King, the Church, the State, your selves; Would you to satisfie a good King set open the Gates, and with the same curtesie gratifie a very bad company, who seeke nothing lesse then either the safety of his Majesties Royall Person and Posterity; or the security of his Dominions, and Liege people? Would you have us wash our hands in your dearest blood? in sum; would you have us render you the people of the Kings wrath? Wee are confident you would not; Do then (according to the primordiall Law) as you would be done unto. Strike us we beseech you effectually whilst you have time, put not God upon another course of deliverance, least the honour of Yorkshire be laid in the dust for ever.

Oh! give us in this great streight, real testimonyes of your affections; And you shall for ever have the acknowledgement of the truest obligations of all.

Your affectionate friends and humble
Servants in the poor Town of *Hull*.

FINIS.